

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-9 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 5, and 8 are independent. Claims 10-15 were previously canceled by Preliminary Amendment-A. It should be noted that by the present Amendment-B, claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 have been amended for minor editing.

SUMMARY OF THE EXAMINER'S POSITION

Claims 1-31 have been subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC §§ 121, 372 in the Office Action. Specifically, the Examiner has identified the following inventions:

- Group I Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of making a hollow cylindrical body.
- Group II Claims 16-31, drawn to the apparatus used to make a cylinder.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the inventions for examination. The Examiner has taken the position that these inventions do not relate to a single general inventive concept (under PCT Rule § 13.1), because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features (under PCT Rule § 13.2).

DISCUSSION

In order to comply with Patent Office requirements, applicant elects, without traverse, Group I including claims 1-9. Claims 16-31 have been canceled as drawn to a non-elected invention, and it is applicant's intent to pursue those claims in a separate divisional application.

If the Examiner feels that the prosecution of the present application could be advanced by a telephone discussion, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephonically contact applicant's undersigned representative to resolve any issue(s) of concern, and move forward with the prosecution of the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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